

Peak District National Park

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Friday 30 Apr 2021 until 23:59 on Saturday 01 May 2021

Forecast Issued on Friday 30 Apr 2021 at 02:33

Confidence: High for some sunny spells, in a rather cold prevailing theme of frosts and sharp wintry showers into the weekend. Medium for onset of transition to warmer, wetter and windier weather from Monday.

Headline for Friday 30 Apr 2021: Rather cold with sunny spells, but also some wintry showers, perhaps heavy and thundery for a time.

Mountain weather hazards on Friday 30 Apr 2021

Blizzards

No Likelihood

Gales

No Likelihood

Thunderstorms

Low Likelihood

Heavy Snow

No Likelihood

Severe chill effect

Low Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain

Low Likelihood

Storm force winds

No Likelihood

Poor visibility

Low Likelihood

Strong sunlight

Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 600m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
					
Sunny	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Light rain showers	Heavy rain showers	Partly cloudy (night)
Precipitation probability					
00%	<05%	20%	50%	40%	10%

Forecast for Friday 30 Apr 2021

Weather: A dry and largely sunny, but frosty start. Cloud bubbling up during the morning, with some sunny spells, however with time these are likely to spark off some showers. These may become locally heavy and prolonged later in the day given the light winds, falling as snow above around 500 metres in the heaviest showers, with hail and thunder also a small possibility, mainly through the middle of the day. Showers should ease later, leaving a drier but on the whole cloudier late afternoon and evening, with temperatures quickly dipping.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 600m: 90%, with a small chance of early patchy cloud grazing the highest tops though soon lifting clear, ahead of more temporary but potentially hazardous interruptions in showers later, with cloud potentially returning for periods.

Visibility: Generally very good, but note likely presence of heavy showers which will significantly reduce the prevailing visibility and lead to potentially hazardous navigation conditions over higher elevations in short periods.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph)				Wind Direction (blowing from)		
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	7/10 NE	7/10 NE	6/9 NE	9/12 NW	10/15 NE	8/11 E	8/12 NE
300	4/10 E	6/9 NE	4/7 NW	6/10 NE	6/10 NE	5/8 E	4/9 NE
Valley	3/9 NE	5/9 NE	5/9 N	6/10 NE	7/13 E	4/9 NE	4/10 E

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
600	0/-3	2/-2	4/2	4/0	2/-2	1/-2	1/-3
300	2/1	5/2	6/4	6/4	5/3	4/1	3/1
Valley	3/2	6/5	8/6	8/6	6/3	4/2	3/1
Freezing Level*	500m	600m	600m	800m	800m	700m	700m

*Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.

Meteorologist's View

Although not especially windy, the presence of potentially prolonged and perhaps wintry showers will mean that chill is more of a factor. Note that these showers are more liable to form over exposed ground, potentially proving deceptive from more sheltered starting locations.

Recent rainfall: measured at Cat & Fiddle: altitude 511m

Recorded at	Last 24 hours:	Last 48 hours:	Last 72 hours:
02:00 on Fri 30 Apr 2021	0mm	0mm	0mm

Forecast for Saturday 01 May 2021

Weather: Chilly with clear spells and frost to start. A similar-feeling day to Friday, with further sunny spells and increasingly sharp showers, less likely to turn wintry and thundery, but the risk of both remains, as well as hail showers. Showers again fading into the evening to leave clear spells and sharply falling temperatures.

Maximum wind: 10mph northeasterly.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 600m: Greater than 90%.

Visibility: Very good, although sharp drops again possible given heavy or wintry showers.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Minus 3 becoming plus 10 Celsius.
At 600m: Plus 2 Celsius.
Freezing level: Rising clear of the highest ground through the morning.